3/17/2025 GN Docket No. 25-133 Comments

Hello, my name is Fred Stewart III, and I would like to enter some comments regarding GN Docket No. 25-133. As an occupation I am a Firefighter/Paramedic with approximately 38 years in public safety. Before that I worked as an installer at a radio/cell phone electronics repair shop in the early 1990s. The owner of the shop was an avid amateur radio operator as were a few of the employees, to include radio technicians, installers, sales and managerial staff. I currently hold an Amateur Technician class license approximately 20 years (but I am currently studying for my General Class license) and recently a GMRS license.

With this experience, I fell versed enough to offer my brief comments on topics that relate to my area:

With deregulations, I would highly suggest that Amateur Radio Service (ARS) be given more latitude regarding its service. While this is a broad over-reaching statement, I understand and realize that certain regulations are necessary. I would vastly suggest that any suggestions from the ARS association organizations be given an open review.

Regarding GMRS, while I am new to it, I can tell you most definitely that amateur radio operators are more disciplined and great stewards of the small band areas they can operate. At 55 years old, I almost view GMRS as how Citizens Band (CB) service was when I was younger. Most GMRS users are not self-policing as ARS are. With that said, I would also like to suggest that suggestions from GMRS association organizations be given an open review as well.

A hot topic with myself at the moment is that I live in home within a deed restricted Home Owner Association (HOA). I knew this moving in, but the restrictions whereby radio mast, outside antenna’s, satellite dishes, have grown almost restrictive to the point of non-existent. I also understand that most neighbors would not want a huge radio tower in the subdivision, but need I remind them of the role that amateur radio operators have during disasters. I live in Florida and we get hurricanes quite frequently. While the FCC can only suggest, and maybe even possibly enforce the ability of these

important members of society to complete their “hobby” to the great good of the citizens.

Thank you for allowing my brief and broad comments.

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